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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY SERVICES

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SUBJECT: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals

I am pleased to announce that President Bush has approved two new military decorations for service in the Global War on Terrorism. Initial award of the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal will be limited by regulation to participation in Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Initial award of the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will be limited to Airport Security Operations (from 27 September 2001 until 31 May 2002) and to Service members who supported Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, NOBLE EAGLE, and IRAQI FREEDOM. Subsequent award will be authorized by regulation for military service in operations recommended by the Joint Chiefs as deserving of this honor.

To support award administration, I approve the attached policy instructions that will be incorporated into the next revision of the DODM 1348.33, *Manual of Military Awards and Decorations*.

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Attachment: As stated

